

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 2 with the following paragraph:

Throughout this specification the same reference numerals have been used to identify similar integers in the various embodiments to reduce repetition of description. In Figs. 1 to 5 there is shown a vehicle barrier system 10 which will protect an opening (not shown) in a perimeter fence or building opening. The vehicle barrier system 10 includes a pair of I-beams 12,14 mounted parallel with each other. Although I-beams have been described it is clear from embodiments to be discussed later that the I-beams could be replaced by an anchor plate on the ground. I-beams 12,14 are typically secured to the ground by concrete supports 15. I-beams 12,14 have respective top flanges 16,18 and lower flanges 20,22. A pair of hollow beams 24,26 are welded to respective support plates 28,30. Apertures 31 in support plates 28, 30 allow support plates 28,30 to be bolted to concrete supports 15. A cross- beam 32 bridges hollow beams 24,26. An electric motor 34 is secured to beam 26 and allows barrier 46 to be raised or lowered.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 with the following paragraph:

Slide plate 52 rests on the top flanges 16,18 of I-beams 12,14. Slots 54,56 are provided in slide plate 52 and three pairs of rivets 58,60; 62, 64; 66,68 are secured to the top flanges 16,18 of I-beams 12,14. Attachment beams 70,72, 74,76 are welded to the underside of slide plate 52. The attachment beams 70 - 76 have attachment points 78 for attachment thereto of links 79. Links 79 allow pull rods or tension bars 80,82 to be connected to ballast 84 by attachment points 86 on ballast 84. Pull rods or tension bars 80, 82 have a Z- shaped configuration and can be straightened when tensioned. Pull rods or tension bars 80,82 can have a plurality of bends in them to suit requirements and are not limited to the shape shown in this embodiment. Ballast 84 can be any form of weight, for example, a block of concrete, or a plurality of logs located in a framework as shown in Figs. 1 to 5. Ballast 84 is located in a trough 88 with the base of the trough 90 being inclined.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 7 with the following paragraph:

In the embodiment shown in Figs. 1 to 5 the second slide plate 100 is replaced by ballast 84. The operational sequences will be very similar with the resistance of the ballast 84 engaging when rivets 66,68 are sheared. In tests the vehicle barrier system 10 has been effective to prevent a 4000-kg (8800 lb.) load from entering barrier 46 at 30 The damaged barrier 46 can be readily replaced as hollow beams 24,26 are not damaged and the barrier lifting mechanism is on the hollow beams 24,26. It is a relatively simple procedure to replace barrier 46 as barrier supports 48,50 can be re-used. The downtime for an attempted intrusion is substantially reduced without compromising safety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 17 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 8 shows a very similar embodiment to that shown in Fig. 7[e] with the addition of ballast 84 from the embodiment of Figs. 1 to 5. Ballast 84 is coupled to third slide plate by pull rods 80b.